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In re Appln. of: Gary L. Shanklin

Appln. No.: 09/753,134

Examiner: Lynda Salvatore

Filed: December 29, 2000

Art Unit: 1771

For: ANTIMICROBIAL ABSORBENT ARTICLE  
AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING  
THE SAME

Attorney Docket No: 659-766

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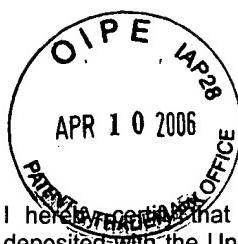
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Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks, as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.